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SUBJECT: CARAMANLIS VISIT TO FRG

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1. GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS VISITED BONN ON
JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 1 FOR TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ON GREEK ACCESSION
TO THE EC. AS EXPECTED, THE GREEK LEADER LEFT WITH
FIRM ASSURANCES OF GERMAN SUPPORT FOR EARLY GREEK ENTRY.
CYPRUS AND NATO WERE marginally DISCUSSED.

2. FOREIGN OFFICIAL OFFICIALS TELL US CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT AGREED TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR
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GREEK ACCESSION:

-- SECOND HALF OF 1978: CONCLUSION OF SUBSTANTIVE
PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS

-- SPRING OF 1979: SIGNATURE

-- SECOND HALF OF 1979: RATIFICATION

-- JANUARY 1, 1980: MEMBERSHIP

2. ACCORDING TO THESE SAME OFFICIALS, GISCARD ALSO AGREED TO THE CONCLUSION OF SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE END OF 1978. WE UNDERSTAND THIS WAS WORKED OUT BY THE QUAI AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE PRIOR TO CARAMANLIS' SWING THROUGH EUROPE.

3. SCHMIDT REITERATED (REF A) SUPPORT FOR CARAMANLIS' POSITION THAT GREEK ACCESSION SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO CYPRUS, GREEK MEMBERSHIP IN NATO OR SPANISH/PORTUGUESE ACCESSION.

4. ON TRANSITIONAL PERIODS, CARAMANLIS SUGGESTED A 5-YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF GREEK WORKERS. SCHMIDT INDICATED THAT THE PERIOD WOULD HAVE TO BE LONGER, BUT HE DID NOT NAME A FIGURE. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES TELL US THAT CURRENT FRG THINKING IS 10 YEARS, THOUGH THIS IS NOT YET GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD PREFER A SHORTER PERIOD BUT OTHER MINISTRIES (PRINCIPALLY LABOR) ARE INSISTING ON THE 10 YEAR TIMEFRAME. WE UNDERSTAND THE FRG IS ALSO LIKELY TO SUPPORT EXPECTED FRENCH AND ITALIAN DEMANDS FOR A 10 YEAR TRANSITION IN THE
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AGRICULTURAL AREA.

5. ON CYPRUS, CARAMANLIS EXPOUNDED ON WELL-KNOWN GREEK POSITIONS. SCHMIDT URGED THE GREEK LEADER TO ACCEPT ECEVIT'S OFFER OF A MEETING BUT CARAMANLIS SAID HE WOULD AWAIT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BEFORE DECIDING ON A SUMMIT.
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